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Oiling the streets of Barre will abate one nuisance at least.

The Germans may be short on food but they are still long on words.

The Barre Methodists showed how to "put over" a drive. It was by methodical work.

It begins to look as if President Wilson will be home to help the country celebrate the Fourth of July, and not much sooner.

Premier Paderewski of Poland is at the crisis in his career, and, strangely enough, that career has nothing to do with the piano.

Vice-President Marshall is about the happiest man in the world—he has received his usual free season ticket to the baseball games in Washington, D. C.

He will be a bold air mariner who attempts a non-stop flight across the Atlantic in a slender airplane, now that the death of Hawker and Grieve seems certain.

Whew, how the Boston folk would have taunted us Vermonters if we had permitted a man charged with murder to escape from jail! Yet the thing happened right in the city of Boston.

The German people decline responsibility for their war-time government; the war-time government declines responsibility for starting the war. Pretty soon they will be refusing to admit there was a war at all.

Within the last few days the newspapers have announced the death of a Hyde Park woman at the age of 103 and of a Plainfield woman at the age of 102. Vermont sets the pace for longevity. If desirous of having a good chance to live long, come to Vermont.

The wait before the attempt to complete the trans-Atlantic flight by the NC-4 may give the NC-3 a chance to share honors with the NC-4, providing the disabled craft can be put in shape readily. It would seem to be preferable for two to start the Azores-Portugal flight if the arrangements can be made.

A self-confessed German agent (a woman) operating in the United States during the war asserts that she used invisible ink on the fly leaf of a Bible to send a message to Germany, the holy writ being carried, she said, by a man now being tried on the charge of treason. The Germans endeavored to use both the Deity and the devil and lost in their double game.

The presentation of \$500 from Mrs. Sarah H. Joslyn of Omaha, Neb., renders great assistance to the Vermont Press association in its purpose to purchase the building in East Pointney where Horace Greeley learned the printer's trade and laid the foundation for a great journalistic career; and the members of the Vermont Press association will individually and collectively extend appreciation of the gift. It is the desire of the press association to acquire the property and to hold it as a memorial for Greeley.

When it comes right down to the concrete fact, ninety-nine out of a hundred



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persons would choose a seaplane in preference to a hazardous airplane for the purpose of crossing the Atlantic ocean. The Atlantic is a big basin into which to drop unexpectedly and is traversed only sparsely by liners, so that the chance of life if a mere airplane, even with a cockle-shell boat, were to descend to the water is comparatively slight. Moreover, an airplane flight over the ocean would be more or less of a freak success, while a seaplane conquest of the vast basin would be more likely to open the way toward commercial development of trans-Atlantic flight. That is what makes the American endeavors so much more wise and practical than the present British efforts that are actuated more from a desire for the \$50,000 reward than for a purpose to bring lasting development to air transportation over the ocean. A non-stop flight would be far more spectacular, it is admitted.

MOVING 'EM OUT OF TOWN.

The Montpelier authorities have adopted the "move on" policy; that is, they have decided to move out of town all the common drunks, panhandlers, beggars and worse just as soon as the persons of that stamp come to their attention. The opening up of warmer weather always brings these undesirables out of their winter quarters in the larger centers of population and a sizeable percentage of them take their course straight for the smaller cities and towns where they expect to be able to ply their trades with greater success and less interference than they would be likely to have in the large centers. So each spring our Vermont cities and larger towns are infested with disciples of a special cult of their own, much to the annoyance of the peaceful, law-abiding residents and sometimes to the great detriment of places casually visited. These common drunks, panhandlers, beggars and such like have no claim to cordial or even friendly treatment in our Vermont communities, for they are here for no good and are simply dumped upon us by the larger places which are desirous of getting rid of their responsibility and which make a "clean-up" campaign now and then to lessen the tribe. One of this sort landed in Montpelier this week and began his system of panhandling, being moved by the police every five minutes or so, taking a drink each time he was moved and being finally rendered so intoxicated that he was arrested, haled into court and then warned to leave town on penalty of serving time. On leaving, this type of the genus of undesirables made it known that Montpelier was the most inhospitable place he had ever visited in all his wanderings and he wondered how he ever happened to think of visiting Montpelier. It is the sort of reputation which any self-respecting community ought to foster, even though it may call down upon itself some harsh words from the ousted persons. Montpelier seems to be on the right track.

CURRENT COMMENT

What a Boston Contemporary Eats Daily

But, of course, should the war news ever play out, the newspapers can always depend on a Vermont or New Hampshire murder mystery to supply a front-page display head.—Boston Transcript.

Sidewalk Bicycle Fiends.

There are probably few persons in Burlington who have not at one time or another narrowly escaped being hit by a bicycle illegally ridden on the sidewalk. The honkleless and ringless rider has a way of stealing up behind you and zipping past so close that you wonder how you escaped collision. If you had suddenly sidestepped a foot even, you would have come in contact with the machine and suffered injury.

Officers in Burlington have been warned that they would suffer the penalty, but up to the present time there is little evidence of prosecution of the sidewalk bicycle fiend. That similar conditions are existing in other communities is evident from the following comment by the Enosburg Standard:

"Warnings and entreaties having failed, the village trustees give notice that prosecution will follow violations of the law against riding on the sidewalks of the village."

The Barre Times speaks of another phase of this bicycle nuisance as follows: "The complaint in Enosburg is common to nearly all the cities and towns of Vermont. The condition of some of the roads in all of the towns may seem to be a reasonable excuse for the bicycle riders to use the sidewalks but it isn't. The sidewalks were made for pedestrians and must be kept for them. A stiff dose of fine served out in each of the communities will go far toward keeping down the nuisance."

Denmark's Green Apples.

One of the smallest of European countries is setting an example. While her powerful neighbors are contesting for chunks of alien territory inhabited by other nationalities than their own, Denmark is doing her best to avoid the annexation of southern Schleswig. A clause of the peace treaty ordains that there shall be a plebiscite in southern Schleswig to determine whether that section shall remain German or whether it is to become Danish.

The Danes insist that it is predominantly German; they make a most unorthodox plea against adding to their country any German-inhabited lands. Such apparent altruism and abnegation sound a novel note in European affairs—more novel than anything in the latest Paris dispatches.

But Denmark is not so naive as might at first appear. If Denmark seems a refreshingly unimperialistic country, it is well to note that the reasons which she so frankly gives for this protest are sufficiently selfish. Denmark does not talk about humanity; she states in a perfectly matter-of-fact tone that she fears future complications from having within

her boundaries a district so distinctly German as southern Schleswig.

Little Denmark demurely declining Schleswig, which the conference so benevolently offers to her, is like the spectacle of eight-year-old Tommie gravely refusing the piece of apple pie which auntie offers him, with the polite remark that it looks nice, but that the apples might be green.

Perhaps the Danish fears regarding the decision of the Schleswig Germans may seem far-fetched. It may, at first glance, appear most improbable that these Germans would renounce their nationality. But consider the peace treaty. That yoke is not going to bear lightly on the necks of those who remain under the German flag, and a decision for separation from the fatherland ceases to be such an improbable result of the proposed plebiscite.

There is something else nominated in the bond. Southern Schleswig borders the Kiel canal. In the eyes of the allies it is extremely desirable that one of those banks should be Danish.

If the Danes seem guilty of rank ingratitude, their apology can be found in the 14 points.—Boston Globe.

Scarcity of Teachers.

From every part of the country comes the report that school and college teachers are scarce than ever. School boards and college trustees are offered higher salaries, yet positions in large numbers remain unfilled. Teachers of science, of manual training, of commercial subjects and of foreign languages are particularly scarce just now. It looks as though hundreds of schools and colleges will have to pay a great deal more for their teachers or do without.

The war seriously interrupted the educational processes of the country. It cut the male attendance at normal schools and colleges to small proportions. Thousands of young men who were intending to enter the teaching profession found themselves diverted either to military activities or to positions in the industries. The war, moreover, opened new positions to women and these drew off many who would normally have become teachers. The deficiency cannot be made good all at once by the mere offer of increased salaries; it will take a couple of years for the training schools to resume their normal output. In the meantime the school authorities will have to get along as best they can.—Boston Herald.

Takes Courage.

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They rose before the elegance That marked the Georgian era Was lost in queerish gingerbread, Or concrete stuff that's queerer; The building boss had worn a blouse Before he took command, And he could build a meetinghouse As well as a Tavern Stand.

They mostly had a wooden ell, With barns and stable ample, And just inside a sample room With Medford goods to sample; The traveler saw no bellhops hop, He heard no foreign band, But, just the same, he liked to stop Before a Tavern Stand.

The landlord, he was always 'round To give his guests a greeting; He spoke their names and shook their hands And made a merry meeting; And when they turned up the walk, With dahlias on each hand, O! I could string a mile of talk About a Tavern Stand.

The broad high chimneys, stretching up, To-day look strong and solid; The pattern 'round the entrance door Makes modern doors look squallid; It's great to sight 'em as you ride, You feel your heart expand, I always raise my cap with pride Before a Tavern Stand.

—Daniel L. Cady, in Newport Express and Standard.

Candid About It.

He—If I was rich, darling, would you love me more than you do?
She—Well, I might not love you any more, but I should look forward to my wedding day with a great deal more impatience than I do at present.—Ex.

His Job.

Doctor—Are you still smoking?
Patient—Yes.
Doctor—How am I going to do anything with you if you persist in that?
Patient—That's what I'm paying you for, to find out.—Boston Transcript.

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